the expert cannot be entirely without blas. A Justice of the United States Supreme Court has said of expert testimony that it could generally be bought at a certain price. What reasons have all these experts given connecting the defendant's writing with Exhibit A? The address of the poison package. They all say that the writing of Exhibit A is in a disguised that the writing of Exhibit A is in a disguised hand, and they advance in support of this that the capital M is not of a style found in the writing of the defendant. But if he disguised this capital letter, why didn't he disguise the others? Is it reasonable to suppose that a man would disguise one part of an address and not the rest?"

MUSN'T REFER TO DREYFUS CASE EXPERTS. Here Mr. Weeks took up the poison package address for discussion, letter by letter, in contrast with the admitted chirography of Molineux. With the reproductions before them the jurors followed out the comparisons. In conclusion of this line of argument, Mr. Weeks said:

Said:
"You well know, gentlemen of the jury, that a men was sent to Devil's Island for five years because of errors by handwriting experts

corder. I understand your Honor expressed an opinion—"
"You don't know what you are talking about."
said the Recorder, with some evidences of anger. "That is the whole matter. You don't know what you are talking about. We know nothing of that case here."
"I must bow to your Honor's decision, of course," said Mr. Weeks, and he continued.

WHAT MOTIVE FOR MURDER?

"Men do not commit murder without some very strong motive. What is the alleged motive in this case? That some time in the spring of \$97\$ the defendant in his capacity as an official of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club came into dissension with Mr. Cornish, an employee of the club, over certain acts of Mr. Cornish, among them the writing of an abusive letter to an athlete about an official of another club. To show you of what nature Mr. Cornish is, I want to read you one portion of this letter to Mr. Wefers:

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I have got it in for Weeks. I consider him as far beneath me as one man can be to another. He has been guilty of a dirty piece of business. I have got it in for Weeks. I linever let up till I set even "Mr. Molineux brought this letter to the notice of the governing body of the ciub, and moved that the writer be discharged. The governors did not see fit to discharge him, and moved that the writer be discharged. The governors did not see fit to discharge him, and moved that he had no ill-feeding toward the oring that he had no ill-feeding toward the oring that he had no ill-feeding toward the oring an interesting on the stairs, too, when Cornish said: "Well, you didn't do it, you so-and-so, did you? and Molineux replied. No; you will. After that the defendant went into the New York Athletic Club, and forgot the matter. Why, during the entire period of a year thereafter, there was not a single act on the part of the defendant inimical to Cornish, and yet they ask you to believe that the year-old difficulty was a sufficient motive for murder. The two men had never seen each other since that time. The prosecution may bring up that language on the stairs. But you will know in your own experience of the world that vile language of that sort is not necessarily followed by a blow, much less by murder."

Mr. Weeks passed to a consideration of Molineux's antecedents, surroundings and personality, as bearing on the question of motive. Not in such a man as the defendant, he said, could one surpose a murder inspired by "such a ridiculously inadequate, worthless motive."

He continued:

"By the testisony adduced by the prosecution the defendant master he on the board on the fact that the organization had survived the beary defalcation of one of its officers a year ago, and then said; the organization had survived the heave made wonderful strides since to part of the pown and the organization had the organization had survi

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"Gentlemen of the jury. I may have omitted things that I should have brought before you. It is human to err. If by my personality I have in any way offended I beg that you will not visit my short omings on this defendant. I realize that this man's life has been in my charge: In a short time it will be in your's. If in my zeal I may have overstepped some of the bounds of propriety in any sense, visit it on me, not on the defendant. In a matter of doubt where the scales are oscillating, let them turn for the prisoner, not against him. This defendant stands before you clothed in the presumption. where the scales are oscillating, let them turn for the prisoner, not against him. This defendant stands before you clothed in the presumption of innocence. You are sworn to decide this case on facts alone; not on guesses, inferences and probabilities. You must decide that this defendant alone is responsible for the death of Mrs. Adams, if you are to find him guilty. My task is done. The fate of this prisoner is in your hands; guilty or innocent; life or death. You are to consign him to a disgraceful and fanominious death or to liberty. Is there anything more like the power of the Eternal than the power confided to you? I ask you only to consider the facts carefully, conscientiously, mercifully before you speak a vertict that shall cut asunder all the ties of this man's life; that means the end for him and all that are his."

The Louisville Trust Company to obtain possession of box 559 in the company's safety vault. This is the Box in which was put the \$4,500 bribe offered to Senator Harrell. Harrell and Charles Ryan are joined with the trust company as defendants. It is alleged that the box and that this sum belongs to Whallen. The registration of the box is in Harrell's name, and, it is alleged, this was procured by fraud. The Sheriff took charge of the box and two consider the facts carefully, conscientiously, mercifully before you speak a vertict that shall cut asunder all the ties of this man's life; that means the end for him and all that are his."

Says Lamoraux Took \$200 Away From Him

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It was 4:30 when Mr. Weeks closed and the Recorder nodded to Mr. Osborne to proceed. The Assistant District Attorney left the court, but was gone less than five minutes. When he returned and began to speak both of the Molineux women turned away from him. Molineux women turned away from him. Molineux women turned away from him. Molineux and his tather listened with the same attention they had given to Mr. Weeks. Prefatory to his summing up proper, Mr. Osborne spoke of the pleasant and friendly relations between himself and Mr. Weeks personally, and asked the jury to remember that he and his opponent were lighting as best they might a duel in a vital sense. Sometimes, he added, he regretted bitterly things he had said in the heat of legal swort-play; but that was part of the professional battle and an unavoidable part.

regretted bitterly things he had said in the heat of legal sword-play; but that was part of the professional battle and an unavoidable part.

None of us," he said "can look upon the defendant, after his long incarceration and surrounded by his family, without pity. Not one of us but would, if it consisted with our duty, gladly bid him go free. Consider the benevolence of our laws. The defendant has not been shut off from companionship. He sits there surrounded by his family. He has had more than a year to prepare his case. He is protected by a learned and benevolent judge, bound by his oath to protect his interests as far as may be within the bounds of legality; he has the advantage of an honest prosecuting attorney, who, gentlemen, would have instantly brought out any possible evidence exculpating this defendant could be have found it.

"Gentlemen, before the coroner's jury this man had every chance. Investigation was not directed to him alone. If ever an explanation was sternly demanded of a man, that man was Cornish when the District Attorney's office questioned him. If ever a human being on too's green earth was put practically to the torture, it was Cornish, because, gentlemen, the mind of the District Attorney refused at first to believe that the son of Gen. Leslie Molineux, who has served his country with honor, could have committed this awful crime.

"I agree with my learned opponent on the question of motive. I am willing to rest my case on the motive proved. The same person sent the packages to Cornish and Barnet. I asked the defendant who had the common motive to hate both Barnet and Cornish. His answer was cool and deliberate: I have consulted with my counsel and I haven't been able to thick of a single soul, else I would have toid you long ago, because Barnet was a friend of mine. He and his learned counsel knew that if you could find the man who hated Cornish and the man who hated Barnet vou had found the man who hat the common motive to hate both Barnet and Cornish. His answer was cool and delibe

THESE MURDER TRIALS.

It was erroneously stated in some of yester-day's papers that in putting in no defence in the Molineux trial, lawyer Weeks was following the example of the defendants' attorneys in

the four other famous poison trials, namely those of Carlyle Harris, Buchanan, Meyer and Mrs. Fleming, in which it was said no defence had been offered. Assistant District Attorners Unger and McIntrye both said yesterday that in all four cases witnesses for the defence had been called and in the Buchanan trial the defendant had taken the stand.

THE BUYER OF THE BOTTLE HOLDER, Detective Haggerty Says He Remembers

the Man With the Vandyke Beard. Chief Robert A. Haggerty of the New Jersey Detective Bureau, whose headquarters are at Newark, and who, it is said, was to have been Miller told the truth when she said that Molihenx was not the man who purchased the silver bottle holder from her on Dec. 21, 1898. a man was sent to Devil's Island for five years because of errors by handwriting experts in —"I have already called your attention to the fact," broke in the Recorder sharply, 'that that ease has nothing to do with this. It is not in evidence."

Ouring the trial Mr. Weeks had sought to question one of the experts as to the letters and bordereau in the Dreyfus case, but had been cut short by the Court. Now he said:

"It is a matter of common notoriety, your Honor."

Teare nothing about that," said the Recorder.

"I understand your Honor expressed an

STATIONERS REVIEW THEIR TRADE. Little Foreign Paper Found Here Now,

President Says at Their Dinner. The National Stationers' Board of Trade had its annual dinner in the Myrtle Room of the Waldorf-Astoria last night. About 125 of the makers and sellers of stationery were present. President McKinley, Admiral Dewey, Thomas B. Reed and Lieut Gov. Woodruff, distinguished users of stationery who were bidden to the dinner, were absent. Henry C. Bainbridge, President of the board, presided, and with him at the guest table were the R.v. Dr. D. Parker Morgan, John A. Taylor of Brooklyn, ex-Judge Charles N. Taintor and C. T. Dillingham, former president of the

a ridiculously hadequate, worthless motive."

He continued:

"By the testimony adduced by the prosecution the defendant must have had an accomplice to buy the silver bottle holder, another man to hire the letter box, and a third man to mail the package. The prosecution's witnesses haven't brought here any persons who did these acts. Is it conceivable that an intelligent man bent upon murder would burden himself with accomplices whose testimony would be fatal to him? The District Attorney has built up for your scrutiny a Frankenstein, but this monster has no backbone because there is no examine of mercury brought home to this defendant; no impelling force, because we have substance, because there is no vehicle in which to convey the poison brought home to this defendant. This monster is a scare-crow, a mere shadow."

LAST PLEA FOR MOLINEUX.

Up tothis point Mr. Weeks had been talking in a full, high voice, driving home every point with all his emphasis. Now he suddenly dropped to so low a key that the whole court room with one movement leaned to him, the better to hear.

"Gentlemen of the jury, I may have omitted"

Indebtedness of the State.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 7.—The measure of prosperity enjoyed by Nebraska during the year 1866 is well illustrated by the record made public to-day of mortgages filed and released during the twelve months ending Dec. 31 last. The number of farm mortgages filed was 18,258, representing \$12,744,415, released 24,077, representing \$20,201,001, respecting \$2,001,001, representing \$20,201,001, representing \$20,202,001, representing \$20,202,001, representing \$20,202,001, representing \$20,203,400, representing \$20,203,400,400, representing \$20,203,400, re

that means the end for him and all that are his."

During this part of the speech the family group of the Molineuxs was the centre of the speech tors' observation. Molineux himself sat upright with his stordy gaze on his lawver, looking like an interested spectator rather than a man on trial for his life. His wife kept here eyes directed at the table, and from time to time raised her handkerchief to her eves. Gen. Molineux sat upright in his chair with folded arms, but his eyes were wet. Molineux's mother leaned forward scrutinizing the twelve men with whom her son's fate lay through tearless eyes, but with an intenness more appealing than tears. At the very close of his speech Mr. Weeks raised his voice again to its strongest pitch and said:

"But on such evidence as has been presented here you cannot send this man to his death. With the case as it lies in your hands we feel, we know, that but one verdict can come from the lips of your foreman, the verdict that shall free this defendant and restore him to his family. We ask no maudlin sympathy, no favor, only the upright judgment of men upon this fellowman. So we await vour verdict."

Says Lamoraux Took \$200 Away From Him Which He Stole From His Father.

George Lamoraux, 17 yearsold, of 129 Forty-third street, Brooklyn, was arrested lest night on a warrant issued by Magistrate Bristow, charged with stealing \$200 from Anthony Firuski of 403 Henderson street, Jersey City. Said he went to the Bijou Theatre on Tuesday evening, and while seated in the gallery took the money out, placed it in his hat and began to count it. He alleges that Lamoraux statements are the went to the Bijou Theatre on Tuesday evening, and while seated in the gallery took the money and ran away with it. Police Capt. Bedell questioned the boy about having so large an amount of money in his possession and he acknowledged that he had stolen it from his father, Andrew Firuski of Jersey City.

BABY ON G. H. GALE'S DOORSTEP.

Left There With a Printed Request to "Call Meet Illian Dinsmore."

The Sheriff has received an atta-hment for \$19,150, cranted on the grount of non-residence, against Etward H. Apgar, of Appar & Co., importers of confectioners' supplies at 105 Hudson street, in favor of John Munroe & Co., bankers, for balance due on accepted drafts.

Alexander G. Leelkes, a drug clerk, who had suf-fered from insonana was found dead in hel yester-day at 2° East Seventy-ofth street. Coroner's Phr-sician bonlin certified that death was due to mor-phine poisoning. The police believe Lockes took an overlose of the drug an electric fire loss to the tested by the Fire Department in a few days and may be adopted as part of its fire how to the Astor House again for the partment in a few days and may be adopted as part of its fire shelting machinery. It is equipped with an electric wire to enable the aftenien at the nozzle to signal the men at the engine, who at times are as far as a block away from the fire.

THE ADMIRAL THEIR GUEST.

DEWEY ATTENDS A LOYAL LEGION DINNER AND A BALL IN BROOKLYN.

Gen. Molineux's Name Cheered at the

Dinner-The Ball Given by the Emerald Society-A Drill by Catholic Orphan Cadets and a Hornpipe by Sailor Boys Admiral Dewey was a guest of the Loyal Legion at Delmonico's last evening and was warmly received as a comrade. The paper of the evening was read by Gen. Horatio C. King of Brooklyn, on the subject of the Shenandoah a witness for the defence in the Molineux case. Valley Campaign, particularly the Siege of stated yesterday he was sure that Emma Winchester. Gen. King stirred some of his auditors' emotions when he said that just before the final victory at Winchester, had it not been for the cavalry, Gen. Jubal Early would have entered Washington. There were a few ealls of approbation and a little handelapping. but good-natured laughter and bantering "Oh--h-h's!" came in greater volume, and interrupted the General's reading for a few moments. The General acknowledged that he supposed one was likely to see most distinctly the arm of the service with which he happened to be connected. Twice when Gen. King mentioned Gen. Molineux, in describing the battles about Winchester, he was interrupted by applause and cheers. After the second mention of the name three cheers for Gen. Molineuz were proposed and given. Admiral Dewey was obliged to leave the

dinner early in order to get to the Emerald Ball in Brooklyn. When it was announced that he would have to go, the diners all arose and vociferously and persistently demanded a speech from him.

"I thank you," the Admiral said. "I am glad to be with you all. We were comrades many years ago. We are comrades now. I should like to stay here longer to hear my friend say something—something more. God knows what a mess I am making of it."

The Admiral turned to bld good night to his neighbors at the dais table and everybody cheered him again and applauded. He had not expected to make a speech and appeared to feel more than he could readily say.

A detachment of Troop C of Brooklyn was waiting for the Admiral in front of Delmonico's

and a few pedestrians had gathered about the entrance to see him pass to his carriage. They pressed close about him as he walked across the sidewalk and go into the carriage, but were silent. The car-riage and the escort of troopers went down Fifth avenue at a gait which brought them to the Bridge in thirty minutes. An extra detail of police were at the Bridge entrance to clear the way, but their services were not needed. The Emerald Society of Brooklyn, one of the oldest and most popular institutions of that borough, scored a marked triumph last night Its sixty-second annual ball, which took place at the Academy of Music, it is generally conceded, surpassed all its predecessors in the brilliancy of its surroundings and volume of attendance. The fact that Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Dewey were to be the guests of honor lent additional interest to the function and incidentally swelled the receipts, which, in accordance with the custom of the society since its organization, will be used for the maintenance of Brooklyn's Catholic orphan boys. This benevolent side of the occasion was what led Admiral and Mrs. Dewey to accept the invitation tendered in Washington a month ago by a committee of the society and the full Congress delegation from Kings county. So as to have the ball at the time of the Admiral's visit to New York it was postponed from the original date in the closing week of January until last night. It was, in a sense, Admiral Dewey's first social visit to Brooklyn, his call at the Navy Yard on Rear Admiral Philips, the commandant, on his arrival from Manila, being in reality an official

Although less striking and showy than in previous years, the decorations of the Academy were more in harmony with the handsome auditorium. The accustomed clouds of bunting, flage, shields and bannerettes were dispensed with and artistically disposed potted plants, smilax and evergreens substituted for them. Laurel was hung from the col-umns and balconies to the centre of the ceiling. The orchestra was hidden

Sate Demost Bart's Contents.

Louisville, Feb. 7—John H. Whallen, the Louisville First Commany to obtain nosession of box 555 in the commany's safety walt. This is the Dox in which was upt. 16 43.50 charles from the Content of the

Patrick Hefferan, the assistant janitor Public School 64, at Amsterdam avenue and S.xtv-eighth street, was taken ill there just after school had been dismissed yesterday afternoon. An ambulance was summoned from Roosevelt Ho-point, but Hefferan died before it prived. Relatives who took charge of his body said that Heiferan had suffered from con-

Fell One Hundred Feet.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 7 .- John Colson, 35 years old, was killed this afternoon by a fall years old, was killed this alternoon by a fall from the top of a hundred-foot stack at the Passate Rolling Mill. He was engaged in re-moving the brick lining of the stack. LEADS THE WORLD

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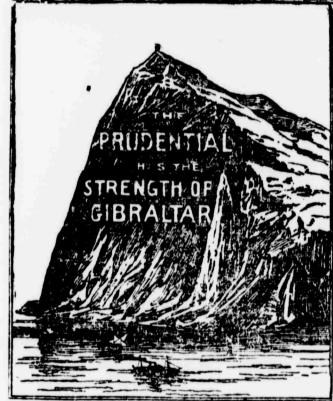
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